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SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP IN THE INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION  
(IWC)

REF:(A) 77 STATE 110999, (B) 77 STOCKHOLM 2301,  
(C) 77 BERN 2485, (D) BRUSSELS 2832, (E) 77 BONN 8587,  
(F) 77 QUITO 3529, (G) 77 SAN JOSE 2790, (H) 77 CARACAS

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1. LAST YEAR, IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL (A), EMBASSIES APPROACHED HOST GOVERNMENTS ABOUT JOINING IWC. ALL HOST GOVERNMENTS INDICATED SOME INTEREST AS REPORTED REFTELS (B-H). WE HAVE RECENT STRONG INDICATIONS THAT TWO MORE WHALING COUNTRIES, PERU AND SOUTH KOREA, MAY JOIN IWC IN NEAR FUTURE. ALSO, DENMARK IS HOSTING A PREPARATORY MEETING TO DISCUSS THE RENEGOTIATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION TO REGULATE WHALING, JULY 4-7, 1978, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL IWC MEETING, JUNE 26-30 IN LONDON. AT SPECIAL IWC MEETING IN DECEMBER 1977, IT WAS AGREED ONLY IWC MEMBER NATIONS AND NON-MEMBER WHALING NATIONS WOULD BE INVITED TO ATTEND THE PREPARATORY MEETING.
2. USG WOULD LIKE TO MAINTAIN BALANCE BETWEEN COMMERCIAL WHALING NATIONS AND OTHER NATIONS (NON-WHALING AND NON-COMMERCIAL WHALING) IN

PRESENT IWC AS WELL AS IN PREPARATIONS FOR RENEGOTIATION OF IWC CONVENTION. THEREFORE, WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSIES MAKING FORMAL APPROACH AT APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL IN HOST GOVERNMENTS, EXPRESSING U.S. CONCERN FOR PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION OF WHALES AND OTHER CETACEANS, RECOGNIZING HOST GOVERNMENTS SIMILAR VIEWS, AND URGING THEM TO JOIN IWC BEFORE ANNUAL MEETING IN JUNE. EMBASSIES MAY DRAW ON REFTEL (A). EMBASSIES SHOULD EMPHASIZE SPECIAL UNCLASSIFIED

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IMPORTANCE OF HOST GOVERNMENTS BEING ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO PREPARATIONS FOR RENEGOTIATION OF IWC CONVENTION. HOST GOVERNMENTS CAN ATTEND PREPARATORY MEETING IN JULY ONLY RPT ONLY IF MEMBERS OF IWC. ARTICLE X OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR REGULATION OF WHALING STATES QUOTE ANY GOVERNMENT WHICH HAS NOT SIGNED THIS CONVENTION MAY ADHERE THERETO ... BY A NOTIFICATION IN WRITING TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE USA. UNQUOTE.

3. FOR CARACAS: WITH REFERENCE TO POSSIBLE CONCERN EXPRESSED IN REFTEL (H) THAT VENEZUELA WILL PROBABLY DESIGNATE DELEGATES TO IWC MEETINGS FROM DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AT MEETING SITES, USG DOES NOT CONSIDER THAT REASON FOR VENEZUELA NOT TO JOIN IWC. WHILE DEFINITELY PREFERABLE TO HAVE SINGLE PERSON DESIGNATED AS VENEZUELAN IWC COMMISSIONER WHO CAN BECOME FULLY FAMILIAR WITH IWC PROCEDURES AND ISSUES, A FEW OTHER MEMBER NATIONS DO SEND DELEGATES FROM DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS WITH INSTRUCTIONS. ALL IWC DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING REPORTS OF SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO GOV IN CARACAS AS WELL AS AT MEETING SITES.

4. FOR SAN JOSE: IN REFTTEL (G) GOCR INDICATED AN INTEREST IN JOINING IWC, BUT STATED IT COULD NOT AFFORD APPROX. \$4000 CONTRIBUTION. IN APPROACHING GOCR AGAIN ON THIS SUBJECT, EMBASSY SHOULD NOTE THAT USG UNDERSTANDS THAT THE CONTRIBUTION MIGHT BE A PROBLEM, BUT USG WISHES TO URGE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION BY GOCR OF JOINING IWC IN LIGHT OF ITS STRONG AND WELL-KNOWN SUPPORT FOR CONSERVATION. GOCR SUPPORT FOR CONSERVATION OF WHALES THRU IWC WOULD BE MOST WELCOME AND USEFUL. FYI. IWC DOES NOT ISSUE INVITATIONS TO COUNTRIES TO JOIN. ANY NATION INTERESTED IN WORK OF IWC IS WELCOME TO JOIN AT ANY TIME BY SIGNING PROTOCOL. END FYI.

5. FOR BERN: RE REFTTEL (C), EMBASSY SHOULD NOTE THAT USG UNCLASSIFIED

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APPRECIATES SWITZERLAND BEING NON-WHALING NATION AND PROHIBITING IMPORTATION OF WHALE MEAT. HOWEVER, EMBASSY SHOULD UNDERLINE IMPORTANCE OF GOS BACKING UP THESE ACTIONS WITH ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN DECISIONS RELATING TO CONSERVATION OF WHALES. CHRISTOPHER

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